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PERSONS

The Rev. Warren Weeg, the new pastor of Messiah Church, Chicago, and his wife were given a reception of welcome March 7 by members of the parish.

The Rev. Reynold F. Wilson, Sinai, S. D., has accepted a call to Bethlehem Church, Portland, Oregon.

The Rev. J. L. Moilien, pastor of Central Church, Everett, Wash., will move about May 1 to a new mission field in Tacoma, Wash.

Dr. Rolph Bolstad, medical missionary in the Madagascar field, now on furlough, will speak at the following WMF circuit conventions in the Pacific District: at Parkland, Wash., April 6; at Fir-Conway, Wash., April 20; at Pasco, Wash., April 22; at Brush Prairie, Wash., April 27; at Salem, Oregon, April 30; and at Bend, Oregon, May 4. He will also have about a score of other speaking engagements within the district.

Dr. C. P. Rasmussen, pastor of Trinity Church, Park Forest, Ill., was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Asssociated Lutheran Welfare of Washington held Feb. 11 at Bethany Church, Seattle, Wash.

The Rev. Bernt Opsal and **Dr. O. Gornitzka,** respectively president and instructor at the Lutheran Bible Institute's Minneapolis school, will be among the teachers at the Seattle school's special Pastors' Week, Aug. 22-27. Dr. Gornitzka will teach "Pulpit Responsibilities," and Pastor Opsal will be the speaker at evening sessions.

Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District, will give the commencement address May 30 at Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash. He is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college.

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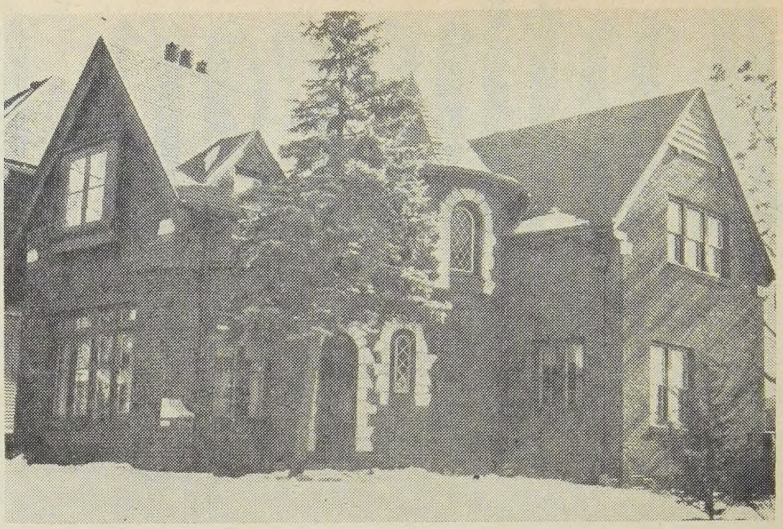
COVER PHOTO

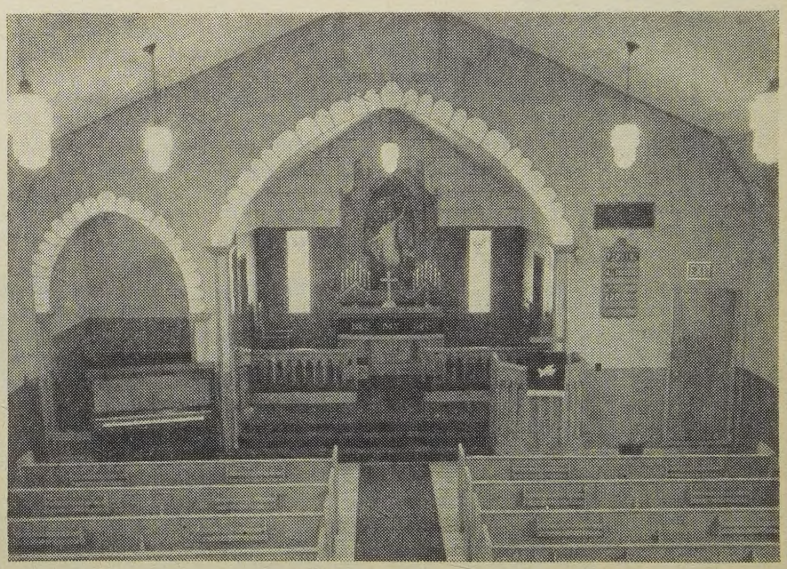
Named after the inn of the Good Samaritan, these ruins of an ancient inn are found on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem. Photo is by Religious News Service.

NEW MILWAUKEE PARSONAGE



The above picture shows the new parsonage recently purchased by Our Saviour's Church Milwaukee, Wis., for the use of its associate pastor, the Rev. Willard H. Lund. The location is at 3921 W. Highland Ave. The purchase price is $21,300. The church recently voted to add to its full-time working staff a director of Christian education and youth work. Its membership numbers now about 3,500. Contributions in 1953 amounted to more than $140,000.

RENOVATION PROGRAM AT RURAL MINNESOTA CHURCH



Above is presented an interior view of Borgund Church, near Madison, Minn., parish of the Rev. H. B. Raun. It shows the renovated chancel and a part of the nave, with pews lately dedicated. The renovated church building itself was dedicated Oct. 16, 1949, at the time of the observance of the 75th anniversary of the congregation, but the chancel furnishings as well as the pews were dedicated Feb. 28 this present year, at which time a renovation program was given.

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One Billion, Two Hundred Million Bibles

A little more than a century and a half ago, a girl's raving for her own Bible opened a new field of Christian endeavor which has had no parallel in history.

Then—as now—millions were without the Word of God. But little Mary Jones, daughter of a Welsh veaver, did not think of the problems of millions. She new only that she wanted a Bible as her own and hat it was her own personal problem.

The story of Mary, and how she got her Bible, is one f the most heart-warming tales of faith. First she had to earn to read, then spend six years saving. When at last he had accummulated enough for her purchase, Mary rudged barefoot for 25 miles to learn that Bibles no onger were being published in her native Welsh and hat none was obtainable.

It was the Reverend Thomas Charles, of the village f Bala, in Wales, who gave the girl her Book in the ear 1800. From that small incident in a remote hamlet, prang a movement which has seen the publication and istribution of more than 1,200,000,000 copies of the criptures in more than 900 languages and dialects.

To the minister it had been evident for years that the upply of Bibles for the Welsh people had been pitiully inadequate, and every effort to get more had fallen pon agencies already overburdened with other duties or ad resulted in prices too high for the scanty means of he people.

In that same year, 1800, an edition of 10,000 Bibles vas exhausted in four months, and whole districts failed o receive any. Two years later, Mr. Charles tentatively uggested to some friends on a committee of a Religious Tract Society his idea for a new society. The society would supply Scriptures for the people of Wales.

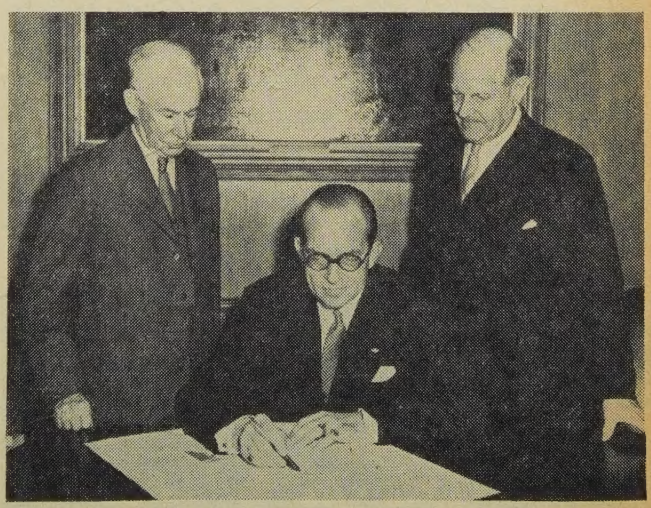
The idea caught fire. The alert mind of Joseph Hughes saw its possibilities. "If for Wales, why not for the kingdom? Why not for the world?" Why not, indeed?

On March 7, 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was launched. One hundred and fifty years later, people of at least 60 nations will commemorate the historic event. There are now 24 national Bible societies, all joined in the United Bible Societies, and they are currently distributing 20,000,000 volumes of Scriptures each year.

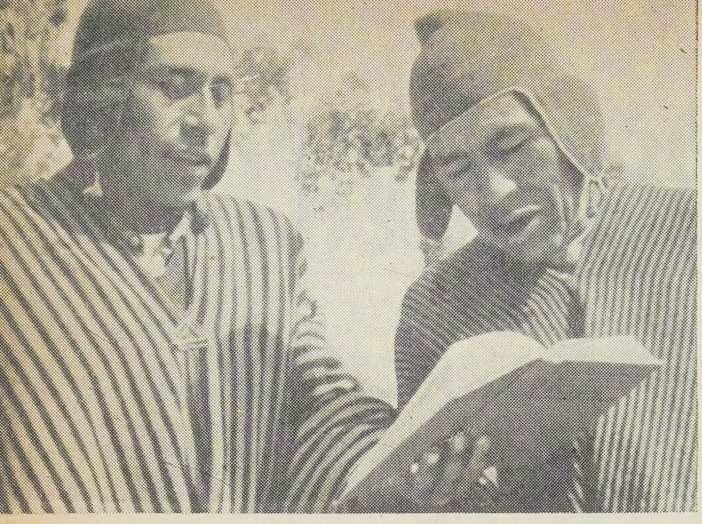
Other Christian organizations, in Britain and Germany, had undertaken some responsibility for Scripture supply prior to 1804, but they had only signaled the coming event. With rare foresight, the British committee realized it could not accomplish its task alone. Representatives were dispatched to other countries in Europe and America, and 48 Bible societies grew in the next 12 years.

In America, the first Bible society was formed in Philadelphia in 1808 and a hundred others followed quickly, until, in 1816, a national body, the American Bible Society, was established. Today the American society provides more than half of the total world distribution.

The entire year of 1954 will be a year of observance, but five dates have special significance.



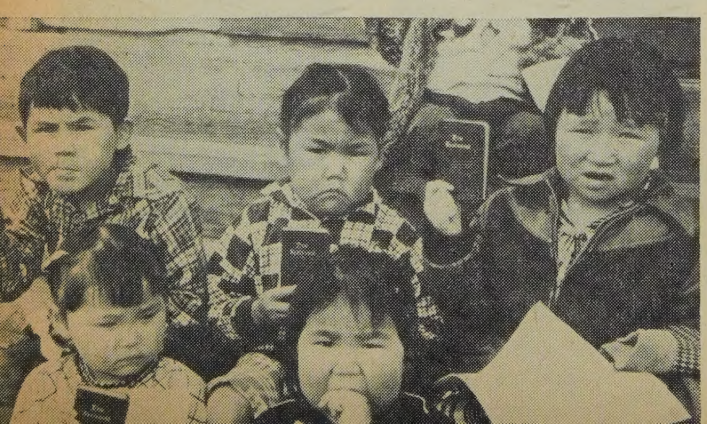
King Paul of Greece signs the World Goodwill Book, as Daniel A. Burke, president of the American Bible Society (left) and the Hon. Ray Lawson, consular general of Canada. look on.



Aymara Indians, natives of Bolivia, read aloud from the Scriptures.

Above, left: Boon Mark, a colporteur in Thailand, captures the interest of a Buddhist priest with the Gospel story. Above right: A bright, young pupil of a missionary in India demonstrates his ability to read the Bible in his native tongue.

Eskimo children at a home maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior in Wrangell, Alaska, display copies of the New Testament given them by the American Bible Society.



On Saturday, March 6, children in Britain attended a giant "birthday" meeting in Royal Festival Hall, London. The Lord Mayor of London officiated and cut a tremendous birthday cake. Funds which children have contributed for the distribution of Scriptures and signatures of the World Goodwill Book were collected.

On May 5, two great mass meetings will take place. The first, a morning meeting, will be held in Westminster Central Hall. The evening meeting is scheduled for the Royal Albert Hall. Delegations from Bible societies will be present.

On May 14, a jubilee concert, commemorating the anniversary, will be given by the London Symphony Orchestra, with Sir Malcolm Sargent conducting in Royal Festival Hall.

On June 16, a Women's Rally will take place at Westminster Central Hall.

On December 4, special anniversary and thanksgiving services will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Although the jubilee year will be observed with proper appreciation and thanksgiving for the accomplishments of the past, it is also a period for serious reflection on the work still to be done. Hundreds of millions of people are still without their copies of the Scriptures, and the number grows greater, rather than less, each year.

Despite the amazing record of twenty million copies distributed in 1953, the total did not even keep up with the birth rate—much less keep up with the needs of replacements and the needs of the newly literate. In the year 1953, twenty-five million were added to the earth's population while only twenty million Scripture copies were being distributed by the societies.

The first aim of the societies will be to increase distribution during 1954 to 25,000,000 copies, a total designed to keep pace with the birth rate. By 1960, it is hoped that 50,000,000 copies will be distributed annually.

The second goal is to bring about a mass statement of faith in the Scriptures—the greatest mass statement in human history. All who believe in sharing their Scriptures with those who want a copy of the Word of God—as Mary Jones wanted her copy—will be asked to sign their names in a World Good Will Book, as a testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings, and their desire to share it with others.

Throughout the world, in remote villages and giant cities, people will sign the book.

To Mary Jones, sobbing before the Rev. Thomas Charles, it was small comfort that a copy of the Bible was available in English. She could read only Welsh. A century and a half later, as whole nations become suddenly literate and as the art of printing explores new horizons, the goal, "To each in his own tongue," becomes a realizable accomplishment, and 1954 becomes a year of rededication.

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What Does a Parish Worker Do?

Dorothy Voigts

(Reprinted from the "Lutheran Standard")

t is Sunday morning. As Mr. and Mrs. Churchmember ave the church following the installation of the new arish worker they discuss some words used in the stallation service. "I commend unto you Phoebe our ster, which is a servant of the church . . . that ye assist er in whatsoever business she hath need of you" Romans 16:1, 2).

The words "assist her" puzzle them. Then, too, what an one expect of a parish worker? The Bible quotaon says she is to be a servant of the Church. What does nat mean? What does a parish worker do?

Perhaps you have the same questions. For an answer ou are invited to listen in on a conversation between ne pastor and a person who asked him that very quesion this morning.

The pastor speaks. "You are going to see a lot of our arish worker. One of her first assignments will be to all in the homes of many of our members in order etter to acquaint her with the parish. Then, too, she vill acquaint the people of the parish with her work. he has a plan whereby she hopes to help each member f our congregation find expression for his faith through ctivity in the church. In other words, she is going to ut you to work."

To Put Others to Work

"But I thought we were getting a parish worker to nake things a little easier for you and some of our overvorked members."

"Indirectly, she will be doing that. By her giving able eadership in some areas and training lay leadership in thers, our work will become more effective. But there von't be less work; there will be more. We want to trengthen our present program on the one hand and xpand into other areas of service on the other. In some f these areas we have long felt a responsibility but have nus far been able to do little.

"For the most part, her work will center about the oung people. First of all, there are our Luther Leagues. he will be guiding them in their activities. Then there vill be Sunday school. Besides teaching a class of youngters or helping in the teacher training or supervisory rogram, she will be able to visit many of the Sunday chool homes. A broad field of evangelism exists there. Many of the children are not baptized, and only about 0 per cent of the children's parents are church members. Our Sunday school isn't just a teaching arm of the Church, but it should also be a reaching arm.

Helps With Confirmation Instruction

On Saturday mornings she will help with confirmation classes. Both 'A' and 'B' classes will be meeting all morning now. She will be teaching Bible history while I have catechetical instruction.

"Since our junior choir conductor will not be back with us this fall, our parish work will be directing the juniors. Every parish worker is not trained in the field of music, but I guess we are fortunate this time.

"Next summer she will organize and supervise the vacation Bible school. With a parish worker we will be able to have our Bible school the two weeks following the end of public school, even though I shall be attending the district convention. By then she will be well oriented here."

"What about the Junior Mission Band?"

"We already have able leadership there, so that will not be her responsibility. We can't spread her work too thin, or we won't be any better off than we were."

Speaking of Hours

That sounds like a pretty full program. What kind of hours will she have?"

"We talked about that, but it will be mostly up to her. We shall need her in the office on Friday mornings to set up the Sunday bulletin. Generally speaking, she will spend her mornings in the office, lining up calls, studying, preparing lessons, etc. Most of the church 'office' work will remain in the hands of our present part-time secretary. The parish worker says she did some office work in other parishes, but there her teaching load wasn't as heavy. Usually her afternoons will be spent in calling. And, of course, those evenings when our junior choir or Luther Leagues meet she will be 'on deck.' She plans to spend some evenings in calling, when she can work it in. Also, she will have one day off. It is just as necessary for her as it is for someone in another field of work.

"We are making some long-range plans, too. Our church should become more integrated into the community. Next year we are planning a survey in which members of the congregation will take part. That survey is part of her plan to find an area of service for each of our members."

Thus we take leave of the pastor feeling very much as did this lady, namely, that the parish worker will need our support through prayers and good hard work if our congregation is to fulfill its responsibility.

The Constance Missal

From Religious News Service

The Constance Missal, one of the three copies of the oldest printed book in the world, has been purchased by the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City, it was announced by Junius S. Morgan, president of the board of trustees. The 376-page book is held by scholars to antedate the Gutenberg Bible of about 1453, long considered the first book of the printed word. Frederick B. Adams, Jr., director of the library, said that "we believe, without reservation, that the Constance Missal is the oldest typographic book known, and that it was printed by the inventor of the art before he undertook the 42-line, or Gutenberg Bible."

Owned, perhaps for centuries, by the Capuchin Monastery at Romont, Canton Fribourg, Switzerland, the missal, which bears the stamp of the monastery on several pages, was purchased in July by H. P. Kraus, New York antiquarian bookseller, who in turn sold it to the Morgan Library. Sale price of the missal was not made public, but it was believed to be more than $100,000. The transaction required six months, as permission for the monastery to sell the missal had to be obtained from the governing heads of the Capuchin Order in Rome.

Of the two other known copies of the missal, one with 16 leaves missing is in Munich. The other, which is intact, is in Zurich. The Morgan copy lacks only the penultimate leaf.

The missal, which measures 12¼ by 8¾ inches and is printed in black and red, was specially prepared for the diocese of Constance, Germany. It contains the text in Latin of the Masses for the more important general feasts and of those having particular significance for the little city near the headwaters of the Rhine, which, when the missal was printed in the middle of the fifteenth century, had long been an important episcopal see.

No specific information pointing to its printer or disclosing where or when it was printed is contained in the Constance Missal. Authorities incline to the view, however, that it was printed in or near Basel, Switzerland, because the paper is of Basel manufacture and all three surviving copies are decorated with stamps used by Basel binders. There is no positive evidence that Johann Gutenberg ever lived in Basel, but his whereabouts between March, 1444, and October, 1448, have never been traced. The authorities stress that this may well have been the period when the printing of the Constance Missal was in progress.

According to Dr. Curt F. Buhler, keeper of printed books at the Morgan Library, evidence of the early date of the missal and that Gutenberg was its printer is provided by a number of factors. The most important of these are the type and printing which indicate considerable experimentation and technical deficiencies which were overcome by the time the inventor achieved the Gutenberg Bible and the Mainz Psalter of 1457, the latter the first dated printed book.

Library authorities suggested that the beauty and perfection of the Gutenberg Bible and the Psalter are such as to require the existence of less ambitious and less accomplished predecessors, such as the Constance Missal.

A young German engraver and type designer named Otto Hupp, who had acquired a copy of the missal in 1880, was the first to declare that the book antedated the Gutenberg Bible, then thought to be the earliest printed book. While his announcement was at first vigorously denied by the German bibliographical world, scholars gradually became convinced of the missal's priority. Today it is generally accepted that the book was printed about 1450 and probably by Gutenberg.

By its acquisition, the Morgan Library becomes the only library in the world to own the three masterpieces

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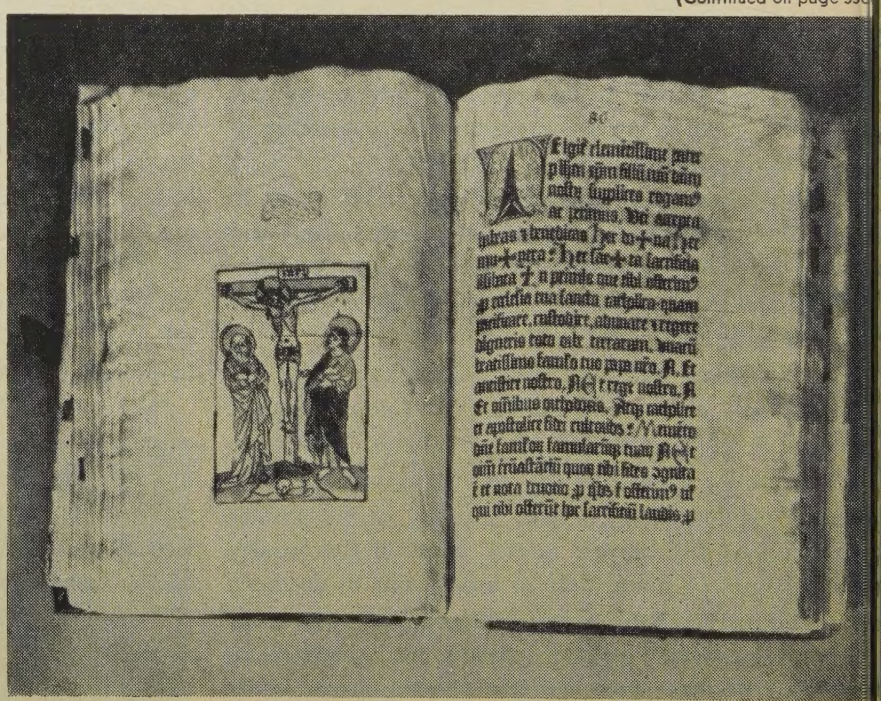

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One of the three copies of the Constance Missal

The Fit of the Coat

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LAST IN A SERIES
(Reprinted from the "Lutheran Standard," ALC)

n the four preceding articles describing the general eatures of the proposed blueprint for merger, as they ave appeared in shadow form, we have looked at, guratively, the head, the books under the arm, and the ulging pockets. In this final story we propose to check ne fit of the coat, and that should enable us to view in a eneral way quite a range of details.

As in our preceding articles, space does not permit a estatement of present functions. We shall consider chief- those new features which, if and when the merger omes, ALC members will have to learn to live with.

A LESSON IN VOCABULARY

Councils, Commissions, Divisions, Departments, Boards, Committees, Auxiliaries.

Those are the words we'll have to learn to use. Let's efine and explain them as best we can.

Councils: Article II explained the function of the two Councils—Church Council and Joint Council. They are f the top rank and provide an overall direction and upervision.

Commissions: These are smaller groups that function nder the Church Council in specifically assigned areas. One is the Commission on Evangelism. There are five nembers, chosen by the Church Council. Three are nembers of the Council, and two are parish pastors. The Commission will "establish the general policies of evan- elism" and will propose to the Church Council persons or the directorship of evangelism and the evangelists. Evangelism, as the blueprint defines it, is the preserva- on of present membership and the outreach for new nembers. In the ALC the evangelism program is under ne Board of American Missions.

The second commission is that on Research and Social ction. Most of this function has been performed in the LC by the Board for Christian Social Action, which lso supervises the welfare work. This commission will ave seven members: three from the Church Council nd at least one from the theological seminary faculties. will have a full-time executive elected by the Church Council. Its duties will be to "throw the searchlight of ne gospel on the pressing problems of the day," to ead, direct, and challenge the members of the Church o a demonstration of their faith, to assist the boards and gencies in "making their programs pertinent to chang- ng attitudes of society," and to "give expression to hristian views concerning the pressing social problems nd general welfare of mankind."

In these two commissions ALC people need not look or a new set of blueprints—just a new cubbyhole in hich to file the slightly amended copies.

Divisions: These are the major areas into which the work of the Church is divided. There are six: American Missions, World Missions (there's a new term to be memorized), Education, Charities, (a term ALC people must re-learn, having abandoned it only a few years ago when it was apparent that much of the "welfare" work was on a paying basis and hardly a "charity" anymore), Publication, and Pensions.

MEXICO TO U.S. OR TEXAS TO MEXICO?

Since the work of the divisions is defined in very brief generalities, few differences from ALC present practice are evident. In American Missions we may face a change of attitude toward the use of credit (discussed in Article IV) and Mexican Missions. The blueprint proposes that a special committee be set up to determine whether Mexican Missions is "American" or "Foreign." The complication arises in that half of the ALC's Mexican work is done in Mexico and half in Texas. This is no problem for the ALC which assigns all of the Western Hemisphere to American Missions and the Eastern Hemisphere to Foreign Missions. The other three bodies regard only the U.S. and Canada as American Missions and the rest of the world as Foreign Missions. Not wanting to split the Mexican Mission work between two boards, it will become someone's unpleasant task of deciding whether Mexico should be annexed to the U.S. or Texas should be declared a foreign country (!).

The Division of Education includes what in the ALC is covered by Higher Education and Parish Education. The significance of the combination of these two functions is hardly more than budgetary planning as will be seen later.

The Division of Charities will limit its function, unlike the Board for Christian Social Action in the ALC, to the operation of Church-owned and guidance of Church-related health and welfare agencies and institutions and will direct them to "sound Christian and professional standards of social, health, and welfare service."

Under the Division of Publication the only hint the blueprint gives to the problem of the publishing houses of the several church bodies is found in the statement that the executive secretary of the division "shall be the general manager of the institutions (note the plural) of the division." The blueprint calls for "one church paper designated as the official organ."

PRESENT PENSION CREDITS INVIOLABLE

Serious problems must yet be solved in the Division of Pensions. The ELC's pension plan is closely tied to the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company and consists

largely of the purchase of annuities through that company. The ALC supervises, administers, and invests its own pension funds without dependence upon (and obviously without commissions paid to) an outside firm. Discrepancies between minimum pension provisions of the several bodies constitute a further complication. The blueprint gives this assurance: The Division will "fulfill the contracts and commitments to pastors and laity who were members of the pension plans of the several church bodies prior to merger," and will "continue the [present] plan in operation until a new pension plan becomes operative." Conceivably, that new plan may not be agreed upon until the new Church comes into being. ALC pastors can be assured commitments made to them prior to the merger will not be repudiated, and credits earned by them up to the merger will not be lost, though what continuing provisions will be made cannot be ascertained now. The blueprint does provide for a continuation of the Good Samaritan Fund but abandons the Aid Fund, both well known in ALC circles.

Departments: These are divisions of Divisions, a splitting of the total work assigned to a division. This occurs only under the Division of Education which has a Department of Higher Education (including higher and secondary education, described in Article III of this series) and a Department of Parish Education. Only significant change from ALC procedure is a closer definition of responsibility in relation to the Division of Publication. The Department of Parish Education will plan the teaching material and nominate the editors. The election and the compensation of editors of teaching materials will be the responsibility of the Division of Publication as will also be the responsibility for publication of the material. Acceptance of teaching material for publication shall be the joint responsibility of the two.

The term "Department" is also used under the auxiliaries of the Church, but we shall consider that later.

BOARD VIRTUALLY AUTONOMOUS

Boards: Each Division (except education) has a division board. In education there are two department boards. Division and department boards have nine members elected by the Church (except auxiliary boards) and have the same status before the Church. As in the ALC, board members are elected for terms of six years, but, unlike the ALC, they may succeed themselves only once. The boards are virtually autonomous over (a) the funds appropriated by the Church (the Board of Trustees' responsibility for "management and control of the business affairs of the Church" does not include and specifically excepts "such matters as are specifically assigned to the various Divisions of the Church body"; the Board of Trustees may "periodically review" the financial operation of the boards, but it can do nothing about what it finds except report it to the Church or "see to it that the budget will be balanced by the end of each fiscal year"); (b) the number of executive clerical persons it wishes to hire and their remuneration (a Personnel Committee of the Joint Council shall "make recommendations" concerning equitable salaries and working conditions, but "the final decision regarding remuneration shall, however, be made by the particular board which is responsible for the program and work to be done." In the ALC a Personnel Committee has final authority to determine salary ceilings for employees in the Church offices and the publishing house, and the respective boards determine the salary within that ceiling limit); (c) the policies by which the "legislation" of the Church will be carried out.

Committees: This terminology is applied on the district level. It is proposed that every division or department shall have a district committee so that the entire scope of the Church's work can be reviewed annually at district conventions and promoted throughout the year. The blueprint calls for the following district committees: Executive (district president, other officers, two pastors, two laymen elected by the district); Evangelism; Stewardship; American Missions; World Missions; Charities, Research, and Social Action (note one committee to cover the three functions); Parish Education; Higher Education; and Youth. Each district committee except youth, will have one representative from each conference "with due regard for equalizing lay and clergy representation." To provide adequate lay help for the many promotional responsibilities of the Committee on Youth, that committee will be composed of "one pastor and one layman from each conference." District committee members are elected for three years and may succeed themselves only once.

THREE AUXILIARIES PROPOSED

Auxiliaries: Under auxiliaries three departments are set forth—Department of Youth Activities, Department of Women's Activities, Department of Men's Activities.

Under the Department of Youth Activities there is a Board of Youth Activities of nine members, elected by the Church and having the same status as a division or department board. The Luther League, which is the only youth auxiliary named in the blueprint, elects its own board from its own membership, and these two boards work side by side. (The blueprint provides that "other auxiliaries may be added by the church body upon recommendation of the Council of Auxiliary Activities.") The Youth Board determines general policies. The Luther League may recommend new areas of work and new projects; the Youth Board proposes and supervises the program, the League Board administers it; the League Board nominates for the position of executive secretary, the Youth Board elects. The executive secre-

ary serves both boards and is the focal point of co-rdination. This is the present ALC structure.

The departments of women's activities and men's work ave a structure unlike that of the youth activity but dentical with each other. The auxiliary for women's ctivities is the Women's Missionary Federation, and he auxiliary for men's work is the Brotherhood. These wo auxiliaries elect their own boards of nine members ach from their respective memberships. The names of hose elected to board membership are referred to the Church which, in ratifying the election, makes them of-icial boards of the Church. This gives these auxiliaries he right of independent action yet official Church status. These boards will, of course, make regular reports to he Church as do all other boards. These auxiliaries will lect their own officers and determine their own pro-rams, and their boards will elect their respective execu-ive secretaries.

Two significant changes from present ALC practice hus occur: (1) the ratification of board election by the Church to give the board official status; (2) since the oards thus become official Church boards, and their espective executive secretaries have official status before he Church, the Church will include in its budget the alary of the executive secretary, the cost of the board's perations, and the department staff expense as de-ermined by the board. However, any projects adopted y the auxiliary and the salary and the office of persons mployed to direct and promote those projects must be aid by the auxiliary.

There is a Council of Auxiliary Activities, made up of hree persons from each of the three department boards nd their executive secretaries. The council will not be egislative, so it is not conceived as a control. It will meet nly when one of the three boards wishes to consult with he others to work out inter-related matters.

ASTORS HAVE COMPLETE BLUEPRINTS

Our description in these five articles could not include very detail of the blueprint. While these stories may ontribute to the development of your attitude, pro or on, toward the proposed merger, it would be unfair to ormulate a definite opinion without examining the omplete blueprint. Your pastor has two copies.

Against what measurements should your attitude oward the new Church be formulated? If as American utheran Church members we are dedicated to the direc-ve of the Great Commission as our determination to ulfill to the best of our ability the will of God, then eauty of structure, prestige of size, a common front to he world, a very doubtful reduction in administrative ost, a desire to avoid geographical overlapping of hurches and work—these factors alone—are unworthy of eing the basis for so great a decision. If, on the other and, this new Church can provide a stronger and wider outreach of the Word of God, a more effective preaching and teaching ministry; if the work of the Church formed by the merger of four bodies promises, on the basis of the proposed blueprint, to be greater than the sum and total of the work of the four bodies now done individually, that in itself becomes an adequate reason for a further favorable attitude. And then all these other things shall be added unto the new Church.

Chaplain Honored

Dr. V. T. Jordahl, Chairman, Chaplaincy Commission, has received word of the following citation:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MERITORIOUS)

Chaplain (Captain) Viggo O. Aronsen, 0997740, Chaplains' Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, is cited for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in Korea during the period 21 July 1952 to 6 August 1953. Chaplain Aronsen displayed exceptional spiritual strength in conscientiously aiding the religious welfare of the units he visited. No sacrifice being too great for him, he constantly traveled and worked under adverse conditions of combat and terrain, consistently being the first to reach a group subjected to intense enemy bombardment. In making countless visits to forward positions he was invaluable in maintaining the morale of the front line troops. His outstanding devotion to his responsibilities and untiring enthusiasm served as an inspiration to those about him and materially aided the units visited by him in the successful completion of their missions. Chaplain Aronsen's outstanding professional skill, initiative, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from New Jersey.

Chaplain Aronsen conducts a service

Life Line of the Church

THE REPORT OF THE JOINT UNION COMMITTEE—12

The word "Budget" (with a capital "B") is a much used and sometimes abused part of the vocabulary of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, and always has been. The word "budget" (small "b") can be defined simply as the orderly arrangement of anticipated income and expenditure. Among us that capital "B" makes all the difference! The Budget is the life line of the Church. It symbolizes the Kingdom effort of every congregation beyond its own community: in Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Charities, and Pensions. In later years it has come very close to including all our intersynodical interests as well, grouped under the term "Lutheran World Action." Although the latter is not technically "on the Budget," the line of distinction is no longer very clearly drawn.

The system which has evolved for setting the Budget in the ELC is really quite simple. About this time each convention year the heads of the departments which share in the proceeds of the Budget meet with the finance officers of the Church and representatives of the Board of Trustees. The "askings" of the departments are reviewed, percentage division among the departments is discussed, and tentative recommendations are made. These are considered by the Board of Trustees which has the duty of reporting to the General Convention. The Convention, in turn, votes the Budget.

In addition to providing funds for the work of the departments, the Budget must also care for the overhead of the Church (the cost of the president's office, the offices of general secretary, stewardship director, treasurer, etc.). In addition, there are certain "non-administrative expenses" which must be cared for: appropriations to various auxiliaries, and the like. Instead of being lumped in a department of their own, with specific budget appropriation, these expenses are "pro-rated" among the departments in proportion to the per cent each department receives of the Budget. Thus, the actual working budget of each department is the amount it receives from the Budget, *minus* its share of the "pro-rated amounts." It is an ingenious way of handling overhead, fairly satisfactory as long as the church body remains quite small and can do with a simple operating machinery; less satisfactory as the Church grows larger and its system becomes more complex.

How is the Budget raised? Each district receives a share of the total, the amount in each case arrived at by mutual consultation. The district "apportionment" thus arrived at is apportioned among the circuits of each district. The congregations of each circuit in turn divide their "apportionment" among themselves and proceed to raise the money. Heretofore the congregation's apportionment has been broken down into specific sums—so much for Education, so much for Charities, etc. The Board of Trustees is recommending that this practice be discontinued for the future.

When we now turn to the *Report* and study the structure proposed for the merged Church, we discover some significant changes from the ELC current practice. These are changes which, by and large, we believe will be received favorably by the people of the ELC. The entire Budget structure is patterned rather closely upon the practices now current in the American Lutheran Church. Here is what is being proposed:

The Budget will include three parts. Part I is "The Current Program." Its purpose is to provide the necessary funds for the divisions (corresponding to our departments). Part II is called "Operation and Co-operation." It will provide funds for the general administration of the Church (our present "pro-rated amounts") and for the co-operative Kingdom efforts of the Church such as National Lutheran Council, Lutheran World Action, Bible societies, and the rest. Part III is "The Advance Program." Its purpose is to provide funds for capital items, such as the erection of new buildings. The thought is that Part III of the Budget will largely relieve the Church of the necessity of having frequent "special appeals" for various capital purposes. The Board of Trustees will have power to determine the distribution of funds between Parts I and II and Part III. In substance, that will mean that Parts I and II are practically "guaranteed," or, as the *Report* puts it, "reasonably safeguarded."

Provision is also made for a "Working Capital Fund" which shall not exceed 40% of Parts I and II of a given year's Budget. That is to say, if the total of Parts I and II of the Budget for 1964 is $8,000,000, the Working Capital Fund shall not exceed $3,200,000. This is to be the church body's "cash reserve." It will have two uses: (1) During the times of the year when current expenditures temporarily exceed income, the fund may be drawn upon by the various divisions, thus doing away with short-term borrowing. Such borrowings will, of course, be refunded by the end of the year. (2) If, in a given year receipts do not match the voted Budget, a portion of the Working Capital Fund may be used to make up the shortage. It will, in such a case, be replenished from the receipts in following years.

Not much comment, we feel, is necessary at this point. If we may judge by discussion as we have overheard it

people in the ELC are favorably impressed with the proposals. In fact, we have heard a number of people say that they wish it could be adopted by the ELC at once. Here is one part of the *Report* which will probably receive almost universal acclaim.

So also, we believe, will the proposals for raising the Budget. In general, the proposed "Budget Approach to the Congregations" differs from our present practices in the following two ways:

(1) *No specific allocations or quotas will be made to congregations.* Rather, as the *Report* puts it, "Congregations will be expected to determine prayerfully their own challenging objectives for the support of the Kingdom enterprise."

(2) The congregations will not designate what distribution of its gifts is to be made among the divisions of work. Instead of sending in so much for Foreign Missions, so much for Pensions, and so on, the gifts will be to the Kingdom enterprises of the Church and will be distributed as the percentage proportion among the divisions has been determined by the General Convention. Thus one department will not be short at the close of the year, while another has received more than its proportionate share. At the same time, of course, the right to make special gifts to designated divisions is carefully safeguarded.

So much for Chapter X, "The Board of Trustees." As we stated at the outset, it is a somewhat involved chapter. But we hope, pray, and believe that it provides a workable financial system for the proposed new Church.

Board of Publication

The following is news rather than editorial, but we want to place it here. The Board of Publication held its annual meeting Thursday, March 11. This board, within whose purview is the entire official publication program of the Church, consists of nine members, five elected by the Church and four appointed by the Board of Trustees from among its own members. Election of officers for the coming year were the Rev. A. Henry Hetland, Oakland, Calif., chairman; the Rev. Theo. Heimarck, Minneapolis, vice-chairman of the board and chairman of the Book Committee; and Mr. Willmar L. Thorkelson, Minneapolis, recording secretary. At the noon luncheon, special recognition was given to the following members whose terms expire this year and who are not eligible for re-election: Dr. Selmer A. Berge, Fargo, N. D.; the Rev. Harry R. Gregerson, Sioux Falls, S. D.; and Mr. O. K. Storre, Kensett, Iowa.

Special interest naturally centered about the new building. Dr. Randolph E. Haugan, executive secretary of the Board and general manager of Augsburg Publishing House, made the following report concerning the building:

"In 1943, just ten years ago, plans were made for the acquisition of the land and the building of a first unit of expansion for the facilities of Augsburg Publishing House. The site was purchased in 1943—being 155 ft. by 220 ft. on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifth Street. In subsequent years a total of $592,137.08 was set aside in a reserve, from earnings, for this purpose.

"The building, begun on May 19, 1952, was practically completed Jan. 15, 1954.

"The cost of the portion of the building occupied by the Publishing House will be about $651,000. Total cost of the building accepted and paid as per Balance Sheet of Dec. 31, 1953, is $617,564.95.

"For the historical record, the following are the architects and contractors of the new building: Lang & Raugland, Naugle-Leck, Inc., Harris Brothers Plumbing Co., Kvalsten Electric Co., Inc., Yale Engineers, Inc., Automatic Sprinkler Corporation of America, R & O Elevator Co., Inc., and Lamson Corporation.

"The Board of Publication is happy to announce that the land and the portion of the building occupied and accepted by Augsburg Publishing House are now debt free. (There is about $34,000 worth of work that has yet to be accepted before final completion.)

"Shortly after construction on this building was begun it was decided that three additional floors would be added to be used as the general offices of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. This portion of the building is owned and operated by The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"During this same period (1943-1953) $782,815.08 was given to the Pension Fund and the General Fund of the ELC from the earnings of Augsburg Publishing House."

It was really because of the statements just quoted that we wanted to include this material on the editorial pages, in order to make two remarks. The first is to call to the attention of the Church the fact that thus an exceedingly valuable addition to its capital assets has been made—debt-free. The second is to emphasize the further fact that, during the years that money was being set aside for building purposes, the Publishing House continued to pay annually to the Church sums of money which during the decade amounted to almost eight hundred thousand dollars. That, we submit, is a record that the Board of Publication, the management of the Publishing House, and, for that matter, the entire Church may be proud and happy over.

Foreign Mission News

R. A. Syrda

Miss Carrie Olson

On March 16 a large group of former China missionaries and other close friends met to say their last farewell to Miss Carrie Olson, who for more than thirty years served as a missionary in China. The brief funeral service was held at the Werness Brothers' Funeral Chapel in Minneapolis and was conducted by Dr. R. A. Syrdal. Greetings were brought by the Rev. A. G. Lewis of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and the Rev. L. R. Lund of the Ebenezer Sunset Home. Mr. Carl Landahl and Miss Lillian Landahl, and the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Lewis sang duets at this service.

Miss Olson was born in Roland, Iowa, July 20, 1879, to Kari and Ludvig Olson. She was educated at the State Teachers' College in Iowa, teaching high school for some time before attending Moody Bible Institute in preparation for mission service. She left for China in 1910 under the Foreign Mission Board of the Hauge Synod. She taught for two years at the school for missionaries' children at Fancheng and Kikungshan. The rest of her long period of service was spent in evangelistic work in Fancheng, Taipingtien, Sinyeh, and Tenghsien.

Miss Olson returned to the United States in 1940, living for some years at our mission residence on Keston Street in St. Paul and spending the past four years at Ebenezer Sunset Home, where she passed away on March 14. Her parents, six sisters, and one brother preceded her in death. She is survived by one sister, Hannah Olson of Minneapolis, who has been very close to her as a companion and helper in these past years of her residence in the United States. Funeral services and interment were held at Roland, Iowa, on March 18, the Rev. Olaf Holen officiating. Mrs. Anna Lee Wold gave greetings on behalf of the China missionaries, and Mr. Arthur Larson spoke on behalf of the Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Olson lived and labored through some of the critical years of China development. The destructive period of the revolution in 1911, the anti-foreign nationalism that developed gradually, the evacuation of 1926, and the Japanese War with its devastating influences upon the Chinese life all took place within her period o missionary service. During these times of trial and dif ficulty her calm, cheerful spirit prevailed. During th peaceful interims her quiet perseverance was effectiv in much fine work in building the Church of our Lor Jesus Christ. She was a missionary who demonstrated th teachings of the Lord by her gracious demeanor an constant loving service.

Miss Carrie Olson, who served for more than thirty years in China

Japan

Strange things happen in this world of ours. One of th strange events was the incident of Mr. Suzuki, who me our missionaries in Kikungshan, China. He was then a officer in the Japanese occupation forces in China an came in contact with the Gospel through Miss Lydi Hanson and other missionaries. Years went by, the wa was finished, and Mr. Suzuki returned to his home i Shizuoka, suffering from the effects of the war. He en tered upon his old occupation as manager for a te export concern but had no peace of heart and mind.

One day as he was reading the paper, he saw a notic that Miss Lydia Hanson was being stationed in his hom town of Shizuoka as a missionary of The Evangelica Lutheran Church. With much excitement he wrote t her, inviting her and the other missionaries to be guest at his home when they arrived. It was not long befor he became a Christian. His entire family was led t Christ. They are now busy as Christian leaders in thei community with vibrant, buoyant Christian personalities very effective in the ministry of the Word. This stor has been recorded in our sound film on Japan called "Suzuki."

But the story continues. There were other Japanes soldiers who met our missionaries in China, and thes now are being brought into contact with them again an are finding the day of grace open to them. We have th following report from Miss Lydia Hanson:

"May I share with you some of the joys of these pas few weeks. I mentioned in my last letter how Mr Hayashi of Toyokawa, after these fifteen years, ha found the peace of Christ that he first began to seek be cause of contact with our missionaries on Kikungshan He is bubbling over with zeal to help others, too, t find Christ. Last Saturday Dick Nelson and I spent th afternoon with him and his family. His mother-in-law two sisters, and a friend were also very attentive listener to the words spoken about Christ's salvation. We are praying that the whole family may be won. Mr. Hayash had asked scores of people to come to his home to hea us and was quite disappointed because they didn't show

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Boys' Work in the E.L.C.

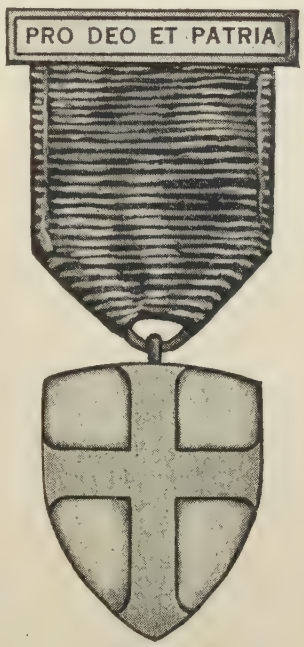
Loren M. Ness
National Director

HONOR ROLL OF PRO DEO ET PATRIA AWARDS FOR FEBRUARY

Star Scout *Dale Newberg,* Explorer Scout *Clyde Johnson,* First Class Scout *Maynard Kartvedt,* Zion Lutheran, Duluth, Minnesota, O. M. Grimsby, pastor.

Eagle Scout *John Erlandson,* St. Paul's Lutheran, La Crosse, Wisconsin, Arthur M. Feroe, pastor.

First Class Scout *Paul Kautz, Jr.,* Prince of Peace Lutheran, Arlington, Texas, Curtis E. Jorstad, pastor.



Star Scout *David Olson,* St. Timothy Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota, Vernon E. Anderson, pastor.

Eagle Scout *Robert Benson,* Grace Lutheran, Sturgis, South Dakota, E. M. Bremer, pastor.

Life Scout *Robert Stromberg,* Eagle Scout *Harris Lee Jackson,* Eagle Scout *George Jackson,* Eagle Scout *David Nelson,* and Eagle Scout *Gary Campbell,* Gethsemane Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota. S. M. Tweeten, pastor.

Star Scout *Virgil Neiman, Jr.,* First English Lutheran, Tyler, Minnesota, R. M. Vordale, pastor.

Life Scout *Wilbur O. Fisher,* Zumbro Lutheran, Rochester, Minnesota, A. S. Haugen, pastor.

Star Scout *Robert Wilson,* Star Scout *Ronald C. Ellson,* Life Scout *Thomas Hilde,* and Star Scout *William Gerhring,* First Lutheran, Washburn, North Dakota, M. J. Sheldahl, pastor.

Star Scout *Walter Michaelson, Jr.,* First Class Scout *Keith Liddiard,* and Star Scout *Richard Buehler,* Trinity Lutheran, Madison, South Dakota, Ernest N. Nelson, pastor.

First Class Scout *Ronald Sandquist,* and First Class Scout *Roger Sandquist,* Como Park Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota, Otto E. Schmidt, pastor.

Life Scout *David Jenson,* Trinity Lutheran, Cashton, Wisconsin, L. C. Jenson, pastor.

Eagle Scout *Arne Salvesen,* Immanuel Lutheran, Wausau, Wisconsin, F. E. Eikeland, pastor.

Explorer Scout *Richard Young,* Central Lutheran, Van Nuys, California, Rudolph A. Ramseth, pastor.

Star Scout *Royal Luecke,* Ascension Lutheran, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, H. Grimsby, pastor.

First Class Scout *Wayne C. Larsen,* Immanuel Lutheran, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, H. A. Oerke, pastor.

Life Scout *William Brennom,* Our Savior's Lutheran, Whitehall, Wisconsin, O. G. Birkeland, pastor.

Star Scout *Fred L. Johnson,* and Life Scout *Jerry Varland,* Trinity Lutheran, Ottawa, Illinois, H. I. Nelson, pastor.

Life Scout *David Lee Hanson,* and Star Scout *Larry Laugen,* Greenfield, Lutheran, Harmony, Minnesota, Marcus Gravdal, pastor.

First Class Scout *Glenn Anderson,* and Star Scout *Eric Nelson,* Our Savior's Lutheran, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, A. R. Gornitzka, pastor.

Star Scout *Warren Meland,* Parkview Lutheran, Chicago, Illinois, Merlin I. Seal, pastor.

Life Scout *Arnold Luverne Swenson,* Grace Lutheran, Fairmont, Minnesota, W. L. Conradson, pastor.

First Class Scout *Roy Hibbard, Jr.,* Richland Lutheran, Richland, Washington, C. K. Peisker, pastor.

Life Scout *Paul Carlson,* Our Savior's Lutheran, Clarkston, Washington, E. L. Knutson, pastor.

First Class Scout *Le Roy Boyer,* and Eagle Scout *G. Paul Larson,* First Lutheran, Ada, Minnesota, E. G. Larson, pastor.

Eagle Scout *Ronald R. Brown,* and Star Scout *Allen Bergh,* American Lutheran, Long Prairie, Minnesota, Gordon E. Rasmussen, pastor.

Eagle Scout *Roger L. Serwold,* First Lutheran, Poulsbo, Washington, A. M. Karlstad, pastor.

Star Scout *John Bomberger,* and Life Scout *Joe Anderson,* Bethesda Lutheran, Ames, Iowa, F. W. Hilker, pastor.

Eagle Scout *Michael Wilkenson,* Bethlehem Lutheran, Grand Marais, Minnesota, Rolf G. Hanson, pastor.

First Class Scout *Robert Lemke,* First Lutheran, Dows, Iowa, Arthur J. Tolo, pastor

O How Shall I Receive Thee?

Harold B. Kildahl

PALM SUNDAY
April 11, 1954
John 12:1-16

Did you mark the differences in people and attitudes that are represented in the text?

The romance of Palm Sunday is quite gone. Two thousand years have come and gone since the day of our Lord's triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. But the attitudes of people have not changed. Not a bit.

There are still people in the world who receive Christ as Mary did at Bethany. They openly confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and for His sake and for the extension of His Kingdom they give themselves and all that they have. Love is the mark of their reception—love founded on living faith in Him.

There are still people in the world who receive Christ the way the crowd in Jerusalem received Him that day, with acclamation and a shout of joy. It was a short-lived joy, one that rose from the thought that Messiah surely would restore Israel and gain a telling victory for the Jews against their enemies. There was a selfish foundation for that acclaim and joy. It comes out into the open on Black Friday, when they called for His blood. In this day there are some, no doubt, who regard identification with Christ as the means to selfish gain.

There are still people in this world who receive Christ the way that is indicated in the person of Judas. Judas had become weary of hillside talks. He was tired of pleasant moments with the Lord. He had other ideas. Religion had become "old hat" for Judas, hardly anything by which to live. It just didn't fit into a world of hard human relations and an active, down to earth world. He had other ideas and no doubt was already prepared for the actual moment of betrayal. Is there anything as sad in the life of the Church as one who has been called by the Lord who suddenly leaves the circle of Christ's friends and forsakes the Church? A confirmand, for instance, who by life, word, and deed betrays the Lord of life? As Saint John has written it, "They went out from us"—and it is sad.

There are still people in this world who receive Christ as the priests of old, with cunning. How many scholars have made serious efforts to undermine His truth, His life, His person? One well known scholar says in his scholarly treatise on the historical Jesus: "The historical Jesus never existed." Cunning deceit, supported by scholarly research, designed to lead people astray.

How do you receive the Christ in this modern day? Take pencil and paper now and soberly answer the question that appears at the top of this column: "O how shall I receive Thee?" Let it be the answer of your heart and your life. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overb

Church music institutes are scheduled for the summe months. These workshops, sponsored by the Chor Union, are designed for junior and senior choir direc tors, organists, Sunday school song instructors, singer pastors, and others directly or indirectly concerned wit the leadership of the ministry of music in the congrega tions. Again, the cost of attendance will be at a min mum, so rank and file may be able to take advantage o the opportunities offered. Charges are about $15 to $1 for the week. It is strongly recommended that congre gations encourage their leaders to attend. A week-lon institute can be included in the summer vacation plan

A glance at a typical daily schedule will explain th work. 8:30—matins; 9:00—organizing and training th church choir; 10:00—the children's part in the ministr of music, junior choir training, Sunday school song in struction; 11:00—the layman's part in worship, liturgy our hymns; 1:30—the role of the church organist, hov to play the Order of Service, organs and installation repertoire; 2:30—panel for organists on special tech niques; 4:00—class in fundamentals of singing, for sing ers, teachers, directors, pastors, and others; 5:00—prac tical training in choir conducting. Class members direc for criticism; 7:30—clinical rehearsal, study of old an new anthems, questions and discussion; 9:00—evenin vespers.

In addition to this varied program for the day, ther will be opportunity for private lessons in voice an organ. The instructors, in the main, are teachers fron the music departments of our church colleges. A publi concert is given at the close of each institute. Counsel ling, recreation, and ideal settings for exchange of ex periences with church music workers from a wide are are other features of note; also music exhibits, goo fellowship, and a serious study of the spiritual implica tions of a live ministry of music. Dates and places o institutes: June 20-26, Luther Crest Bible Camp, nea Alexandria, Minn. Registrar is the Rev. K. O. Graves Brainerd, Minn. July 5-11, Camrose College, Camrose Alberta. Registrar is Mrs. Rudy Magneson, Camrose July 24-31, Mt. Cross Bible Camp, near Santa Cruz California. Registrar is Mr. Blaine Ellefson, 4217 Fac ulty Ave., Long Beach, California. August 8-14, Luthe College, Decorah, Iowa. Registrar is Miss Ione Wennes 1527 Kane St., La Crosse, Wis. A fifth institute is tenta tively planned for the state of Washington. Reservation should be made early with the proper registrar. Include registration fee of $1.00.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD EASTER SUNDAY

The Epistle: I Corinthians 15:12-21

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-9

Monday, April 12
FELLOWSHIP

Read Matthew 26:17-29

When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples.

The scene in the "upper room" is dear to all who know the meaning of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. In a sense it is the opening chapter in the Passion Story, revealing the treachery of man and the love of God in Christ.

In the course of that last fellowship with the Twelve before His death, Jesus accomplished three things: He presented Himself as a servant and washed the disciples' feet: He announced that Judas was a traitor; and, following the Passover meal, He blessed the bread and the cup and brought into being the New Passover, or the Lord's Supper.

In this fellowship the loving Savior is central. While an artist was painting "The Last Supper," a friend remarked on the beauty of a vessel on the table. Brushing it out, the artist said, "But it is the face of Christ I wanted you to see."

Thee only would we see, O Jesus, Thou Savior of the world. Amen.

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Tuesday, April 13
PRAYER

Read Matthew 26:36-46

"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt."

There are no words to describe the awful load Jesus carried when God pressed on Him the penalty for the sins of all the world. To accept this load and to bear it Jesus went to the Father in prayer.

Three times He prayed in Gethsemane. These prayers were not a casual conversation with the Father; they were a struggle. Jesus wished to escape the terrible agony being visited upon Him. But at the same time He desired to obey the will of God in order that redemption would be possible for sinners. "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt," He said. And Jesus gave Himself entirely to the will of God.

Prayer had a wonderful part in the Passion Story. It led Jesus to accept His assignment to suffer and strengthened Him for it. It brought victory to the plan God made to reveal His love.

Always, true prayer to God the Father brings strength, and seeks His will.

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Wednesday, April 14
CAPTURE

Read Matthew 26:47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests and elders of the people.

How strange it was that these men should arm themselves with swords and clubs in order to take Jesus captive! As though He would resist them! But they knew no better. They were at a dirty business. They were enemies with enemy hearts, weapons, and methods. And among them was Judas, the traitor.

So they came to Gethsemane, only to find Jesus ready and waiting. There was no resistance, though Jesus reminded them that He could have had "more than twelve legions of angels" to defend Him. But this would have been contrary to the plan. He would go willingly, as a lamb to the slaughter.

And when they seized Jesus and led Him down toward the city, they gloried in their capture. They did not know that after Calvary this Jesus would capture the love, the devotion, the lives of countless numbers who depend on Him for forgiveness and life.

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Thursday, April 15
TRIAL

Read Matthew 27:11-23

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge.

Even before Jesus was brought to trial, His enemies had determined that He should be put to death. The decision was made before, not after He stood before the authorities. His appearances before Caiaphas, Herod, and Pilate were, therefore, merely a "going through the required routine." There was no opportunity for Jesus to defend Himself. For that reason He kept silence, speaking only a very little.

The Son of God on trial before man! He who was guiltless was pronounced 'guilty of death!" But what of those who brought Him to trial? What was the verdict against them? Unbelief, rejection, and the shedding of innocent blood.

Truly, it is never Jesus who stands trial in the hearts of men. Rather it is every man himself who stands trial before Jesus. Have I received Him? Do I love and serve Him with all my heart?

Friday, April 16
CRUCIFIXION

Read Matthew 27:33-50

And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

The death of Jesus on the cross was the supreme sacrifice of God for man. It was a crude and cruel death, but by submitting to it, Jesus finished the work He was sent to do. By humbling Himself and becoming obedient even to the death of the cross, He atoned for the sins of mankind. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God." In His death He said, "It is finished," meaning that now was accomplished the salvation of all who would look up to the Savior.

While the cross stands as a symbol on our altars and steeples, we must never forget that it was our sins that made it necessary; that while it has come to stand for the love of God, it is also a symbol of our deepest needs. For only by the Holy Blood that was shed on the cross can we be made at one with God.

Saturday, April 17
BURIAL

Read Matthew 27:57-66

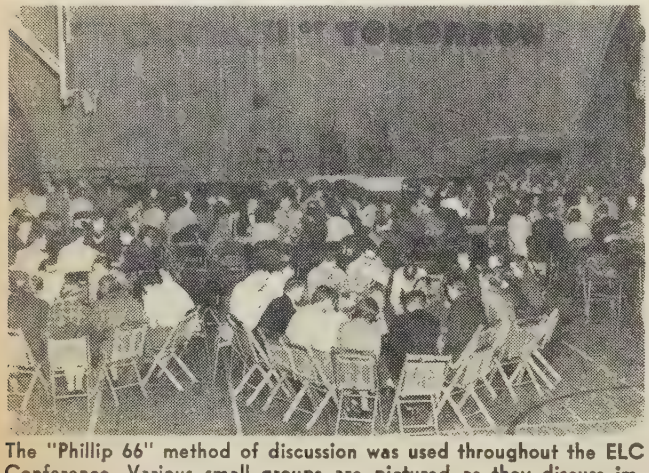
And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb . . . and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

So now it was done. On the cross hung the lifeless form of One who was put to a shameful death. It was the Son of God who had given Himself a ransom for all. He gave His life that there might be life. He suffered death that there might be no eternal death. He passed through the "valley of the shadow of death" to take away its sting.

With loving hands His body was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb. Thus for every believer the grave has been sanctified as a resting place, from which we shall be called by the power of God to life eternal.

O Jesus, we thank Thee for Thy great love; for Thy perfect obedience to God, the Father; for Thy suffering and death that we might have forgiveness and hope. We dedicate ourselves to Thee. Amen.

This picture was snapped at the banquet Saturday evening. The theme of the Conference, "The Church of Tomorrow," looms up in the background in huge letters. Warren Sorteberg, Augustana senior, was master of ceremonies and introduced the banquet speaker, the Rev. Selmer Heen, pastor of East Side Lutheran, Sioux Falls.



The "Phillip 66" method of discussion was used throughout the ELC Conference. Various small groups are pictured as they discuss important points and problems brought out by Dr. Stavig in his address on the Lutheran university on Friday evening. Each appointed leader then reported its questions to the entire group and Stavig further spoke on the issues.

Highlight of the Conference was perhaps the "Interest Groups" held late Saturday afternoon in the various buildings on the Viking campus. Pictured is a large group of students who discussed "Future of Social Work in Our Church." The Rev. F. O. M. Westby, head of the sociology department at Augustana, standing, led the discussion. Other interest groups were "Why Liberal Arts?" "The Christian Layman as Seen by a European," and "The Christian Student and His Congregation."

Lutheran Student Conference

Despite bad weather conditions during the weekend c the ELC conference, held on the Augustana Colleg campus, Sioux Falls, March 12-14, a total of 140 visitin Lutheran students registered for the weekend annua conference, according to Mark Stavig, Augustana sophc more and chairman of the conference.

The Friday blizzard prevented St. Olaf College, North field, Minnesota, and a portion of the Luther delegatio from attending the conference. However, groups fron Concordia, Moorhead, Minn.; Luther, Decorah, Iowa Waldorf, Forest City, Iowa; Deaconess Hospital i Chicago; Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis; Luther The ological Seminary, St. Paul; Augustana Academy, Can ton, S. Dak.; and LBI, Minneapolis, checked into th Augie dormitories on Friday and Saturday.

According to reports from Stavig, Concordia toppec the registration list with 87 students. There were 2 from Luther; eight from Waldorf; six from Academy two, Deaconess; two, LBI; and two from the Seminary

The blustery snowstorm didn't dampen the spirits o the young people, however. With the theme, "Th Christian Student in the Church of Tomorrow," th Conference gained momentum as the sessions continued until Saturday evening when the banquet climaxed th 1954 ELC Conference. Featured speakers and the Satur day morning panel discussion were exceptionally good

The topics discussed this year provided the young peo ple with much food for thought. At the opening ses sion Friday evening Dr. L. M. Stavig, Augustana presi dent, spoke on the possibilities of a Lutheran university substituting for Dr. Orville Dahl, executive secretary o the Division of Higher Education, who was unable t come from Minneapolis that evening.

Dr. Al Rogness, Sioux Falls pastor, moderated Satur day morning at the panel discussion on Lutheran unity Participating in the panel were Dr. O. G. Malmin, Lu THERAN HERALD editor; Dr. Bernard Holm, Wartburg Seminary; and the Rev. R. A. Ofstedal, Decorah pastor Banquet speaker Saturday evening was the Reverend Selmer Heen, newly-installed pastor at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Dr. Malmin spoke to the group on the ecumenical movement, or the movement toward interdenominational co-operation, early Saturday afternoon.

The Reverend Emil Erpestad of the Christianity department at Augustana led Communion services Sunday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. Concluding the 1954 Conference was the 9:30 church service at First Lutheran Church with Dr. Rogness bringing the message.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

Officers of the *St. Olaf* Student Congregation have been selected for the coming year in balloting by the students at the Northfield college. A five-man committee was also named to assist President C. M. Granskou in calling a college pastor to succeed the Rev. H. B. Hanson, who submitted his resignation recently.

New president of the student congregation is Rube Groehler, junior from Benson, Minn. His fellow officers will be Ray Miklethun, sophomore from Minneapolis, vice president; Helen Hagen, junior from Minneapolis, secretary; and Nels Olson, junior from Detroit, Mich., treasurer.

New members of the board are David Bolstorff, Grand Rapids, Minn.; David Dybvig, Minneapolis, Ron Hinrichs, Madison, Wis.; Paul Idstrom, Princeton, Minn.; Lois Leiseth, Portland, Oregon; and Ellen Syrdal, St. Paul.

The five students named to the call committee are Jack Aamot, Jackson, Minn.; R. David Berg, Gonvick, Minn.; Marlene Hustad, Alexandria, Minn.; Fred Stoutland, Huxley, Iowa; and Dick Hemstad, Willmar, Minn.

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Two *Concordia College* students are the recent recipients of scholarships.

Morton Eliason, a senior majoring in chemistry, has been granted a predoctoral fellowship by the National Science Foundation in a national competition. He is the son of Professor and Mrs. Albert Eliason of Moorhead.

He will do graduate work in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. The fellowship includes $1,500 for the year as stipend, plus tuition, fees, and incidentals. The fellowship is subject to renewal for as many as three years.

The Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship has been awarded to Hubert Kaste, a junior from Fertile, Minn. This is a $300 award given annually to a junior boy. Kaste is studying for the ministry and plans to major in English and minor in history and speech.

Dr. John A. Froemke, chairman of chemistry department at *Augustana College,* has been listed among the top scientists of America in the new book, *Leaders in American Science,* an illustrated biographical directory of top leaders in research, government, industry, and educational and scientific fields in the U. S. and Canada.

An editorial board selected candidates from the group of eminent scientists who are members of national science organizations.

Dr. Froemke has been with the faculty of Augustana since 1930. He received his B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Dakota. He has written several articles on his experiments for the South Dakota Academy of Science in addition to other scientific journals and magazines.

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The March 8 issue of *Newsweek* featured *Dr. Helmer R. Myklebust* and his work in deaf education in Chicago. Brother to A. S. Myklebust, superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, Dr. Myklebust is an *Augustana College* graduate of 1933 and at the present time is a clinical psychologist at Northwestern University in Chicago. For the past two years he has been in charge of the Aphasia and Cerebral Palsy Clinic there.

He has written several books and articles on his work with the physically deaf and his most recent book, *Auditory Disorders in Children,* has just been published by Grune and Stratton.

The *Newsweek* article described his work with deaf children at the clinic.

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The Norsemen" was the name chosen for the *Concordia* male chorus which was organized last fall. Robert Prescott, a senior music major from Moorhead, is the director. Chorus soloists are Jack Hellerud and Harvey Wilson, basses, and Paul Mork, tenor. Paul Mork, Clarkfield, Minn., is also the assistant director. Various Fargo-Moorhead appearances have been made by the 40-voice a Cappella group.

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The Manitou Singers, all-freshman girl chorus, at *St. Olaf College,* will present a concert at 8 p.m., Friday, April 9, in the college gymnasium under the direction of Kenneth Jennings. The program is to include both secular and sacred music and both contemporary music and music from the 13th to the 16th centuries.

Mr. Jennings, who is in his first year as director of the Manitou Singers, is a graduate of St. Olaf with the class of 1950. He received his master's degree in 1951 from Oberlin College and then taught for two years at Mitchel College in Statesville, N. C., before returning to St. Olaf.

For the third consecutive year, *Pacific Lutheran College* debaters won the sweepstakes trophy in the senior division of the Tournament of Champions at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., March 4-6. Over 500 students from 39 schools in 11 western states competed in the tourney. When this PLC team were freshmen four years ago, they won sweepstakes in the junior division of this tournament.

In individual events, John Rydgren, Seattle, was first in salesmanship, second in acting, and second in interpretative reading. Joan Werle, Orting, received first in extemporaneous speaking, first in interpretative reading, and second in one-man debate; Janet Klippen, Tacoma, first in congress, second in debate and finals in impromptu speaking; Joyce Genz, Portland, first in extemporaneous speaking and second in after-dinner speaking; Edith Engel, Portland, second in salesmanship, second in debate, second in interpretative reading and third in after-dinner speaking; Janet Carson, Independence, Calif., first in extemporaneous speaking and second in impromptu speaking; David Hestenes, Pacific Palisades, Calif., second in extemporaneous speaking; John Osburn, Parkland, finals in extemporaneous speaking.

The Misses Carson, Genz, and Werle swept the extemporaneous speaking event in the women's division, all tying for first.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olso

RELIGIOUS ORDERS AIDED BY TAX BILL

Persons who assign their entire income to a religious order, or charitable institution, or who make such generous philanthropic donations that they give away virtually all their income are exempted from paying taxes by the Administration's omnibus tax reform bill, as passed by the House.

It provides that when the total of a taxpayer's income taxes plus his charitable contributions equals 90 per cent of his net income, and has done so for nine out of the past ten years, all limitations on the deductibility of his charitable contributions is waived. Major beneficiaries will be religious orders whose members assign it, upon entering, all income they derive from estates or other "outside" sources. Previously such persons had to pay income tax on all but 20 per cent of such income, the regular maximum deduction for contributions permitted all taxpayers.

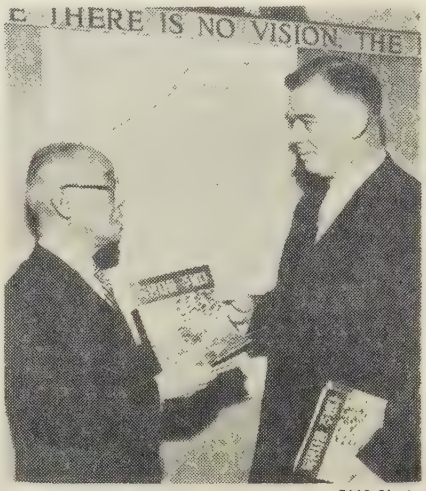
PUSH GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE

Protestants and Roman Catholics in Buffalo, N. Y., along with those in many other communities in the nation, are proceeding with their annual appeal for the "More Reverent Observance of Good Friday," suggesting that industrial plants, stores, and other business places close from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday. Where this is impossible, it is suggested that employees who request time off to attend religious service be excused.

The Good Friday appeal is stressed in letters to about 2,000 business places, through 10,000 posters, 50 billboards, thousands of automobile bumper signs, newspaper stories, and weekly television programs.

Schools, colleges, and some of the city's public libraries have displays of Lenten literature as part of the observance. The mayor will issue a proclamation urging citizens to attend churches of their choice on Good Friday.

ILLUSTRATED GOSPELS FOR KOREA



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The first of a half-million copies of the Gospel according to St. John, printed in the new Korean orthography by the American Bible Society, are examined by D. Y. Namkoong, Korean consul general in New York (left); and General James A. Van Fleet (Ret.). The edition, designed for the Korean "man in the street," uses a picture book technique, with 62 scenes of the Holy Land as illustrations. The Gospels will be sent by the Society to Korea as a gift from the American people.

CONGREGATIONS TO TEST CALIFORNIA LOYALTY OATH

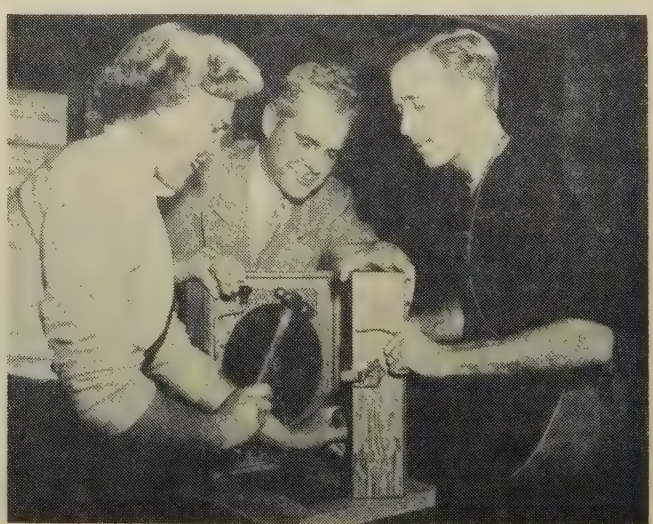
The Lutheran Church of the Goo Shepherd (Aug.) and the First Un tarian-Universalist churches of Sa Jose, California, and the America Friends Service Committee in Cal fornia are planning tests of a Californ law requiring church bodies desirin tax exemption to sign a loyalty oath.

Members of the Unitarian-Universa ist congregation voted 36-3 to clai exemption from the state franchise ta but to strike out the loyalty declaratio on the tax form and append in i place a statement of the congregation reasons for refusal to sign the oath.

In taking similar action the Luthera Church of the Good Shepherd als adopted a resolution setting forth i stand on the question: "We protest th loyalty oath because:

(1) It is a part of the current hysteri in which some citizens consider an act of patriotism to be susp cious of the patriotism of other
(2) It seems to rest on an assumptio that is foreign to the America tradition, namely that a person

GOSPEL RECORDINGS TO MISSIONARIES



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Gospel messages have been sent to more than 100 countries by Gospel Recordings, Inc a non-profit group. Since 1939 it has sent some 648,400 records and 8,850 inexpensiv phonographs. The records have been pressed in more than 500 tongues and sent free t missionaries on every continent. A typical recording contains a sermonette, Scripture reac ing or hymns, with a Bible message at the end. In this photo, Dr. Raymond I. Lindquis pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, looks on as final adjustments are made on machine by Beverly Kamp and Duke Benson.

organization is guilty of an infraction unless he or it specifically declares otherwise.

3) It is a type of required conformity that, if further extended, would prohibit the church from exercising a role in society which it feels obligated before Almighty God to carry out, that of defending what is right and Christian, wherever this may be found and by whomever practiced, and opposing what is unChristian regardless of where it is found or by whom practiced."

CLERGY HOUSING IN NEW TAX BILL

Clergymen who are not provided with a home by the church or institution they serve are granted income tax relief under the terms of the Administration's new tax reform bill passed by the House. The bill continues a past provision that ministers furnished with a parsonage or manse are not required to declare as taxable income the rental value of such accommodations. But it extends equal benefits to clergymen who are not provided such free housing. The latter will be able to deduct as non-taxable income the amount of any housing allowance they are given and which they use to rent a home or maintain one they own themselves. This applies to clergymen working for schools, colleges, hospitals, religious publications, or at headquarters of religious denominations as well as those serving local churches.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN

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Dr. Wolfgang Jaenicke, 73-year-old Protestant now serving as West German Ambassador to Pakistan, has been named as ambassador to the Vatican. He will be the first German ambassador to the Vatican since the division of Germany into East and West spheres. His nomination ended a long dispute over whether the West German representative should be a Protestant or Roman Catholic. It follows last month's unofficial agreement that the first ambassador should be a Protestant and his successor a Catholic.

FAVOR BAN OF TV LIQUOR ADS

A bill to ban dramatized beer and wine advertising from Michigan television screens was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. The vote was 56 to 32. This is the first favorable action by any state legislature in the country to restrict such advertising on television, which came after a period of heated debate.

Leading the fight for passage was Rep. John J. McCune (R.-East Lansing). Replying to charges of "censorship," he conceded that some censorship was involved, but contended that this was an area over which censorship must be exercised. When the constitutionality of the bill was questioned, he pointed to an attorney general's opinion which held it to be constitutional.

The bill would require the state liquor control commission to review all television programs broadcast in the state and ban the sale of any alcoholic beverage advertised by a dramatization of the act of drinking. The House Liquor Committee, which reported out the bill, had been under a flood of pressure favoring it.

OBSERVING LENT IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Prominent ministers and laymen are conducting noontime interdenominational Lenten prayer services on Capitol Hill for congressmen, U. S. Supreme Court employees, and other members of the federal government. The services are held at the Church of the Reformation (Lutheran). Shown following one of the services are, left to right: Rep. Harold C. Hagen (R.-Minn.); Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson, wife of the pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, who spoke at the service; and the Rev. Lawrence Folkemer, pastor of the host church. Some 150 people attend the service each day.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been granted an additional 12 months by the FCC to complete a new commercial television station. . . . The nation's television stations will give nearly blanket coverage this Easter season to a one-hour film story of Christ's last days on earth, entitled: "I Beheld His Glory." One year ago TV executives misguidedly banned it for network showing. . . . Some 426 delegates from Anglican dioceses all over the world already have indicated their intention to attend the Anglican Congress to be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 4-13. . . . The "Martin Luther" film is being blocked from commercial theaters in the United Kingdom, it was asserted in London by the "British Weekly," a publication of the British Free Council.

Toward the General Convention

Luther Theological Seminary

At a joint meeting of the Church Council and the Board of Christian Education on February 19, 1954, the Rev. Alvin N. Rogness, D. D., pastor of First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S. D., was unanimously nominated to suceed Dr. T. F. Gullixson as president of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, this nomination to be submitted to the General Convention in June, 1954.

On the same date at a joint meeting of the Church Council, the Board of Education, and the faculty of Luther Theological Seminary, Professor Theodore F. Nelson of St. Olaf College was unanimously nominated to the position of Professor of Speech at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, this nomination to be submitted to the General Convention in June, 1954.

Looking toward the future expansion and general welfare of Luther Theological Seminary, the same joint meeting passed the following significant resolution:

"Moved, seconded and carried that the joint session of the Church Council, Board of Education, and Seminary Faculty go on record in favor of making a study of the needs of Luther Theological Seminary with a view towa a major program of planning and expansion; and that special committee be set up, consisting of two membe each from the Board of Education, the Board of Trustee the Church Council, and the Seminary Faculty, togeth with the Seminary president, such men to be selected b their respective groups."

Foreign Mission News

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the interest they promised. His enthusiastic witness fo Christ will have its fruit, we trust.

"He also called by telephone and wrote to sever others that I knew from the occupation years in Chin He says, too, he is having his friend, who is with th Mainichi newspaper, put a notice in the paper for a those who knew me in China to contact me. 'The brea cast upon the water returns after many days.' "

The Constance Missal

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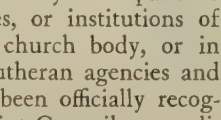
attributed to the inventor of printing—the missal, th Gutenberg Bible, and the Mainz Psalter. It was an nounced by the library that the missal will go on e hibition soon.

Correspondence



CLERGY ROSTER IN THE PROPOSED MERGER

►We have had such excellent information through the pages of Lutheran Herald and other literature concerning the proposed merger. Besides all this, Dr. P. S. Dybvig has spoken four times recently to us in the Los Angeles area concerning this merger; so we consider ourselves unusually fortunate in getting so comprehensive a view of a rather complex working plan proposed for the new church body if it is brought into being. Certainly the plan seems excellent in most particulars.

There is one matter, however, about which I am deeply burdened. And that concerns a paragraph regarding the Clergy Roster. Here it is, "Pastors may continue on the clergy roster of a district only as long as they serve parishes of the church body, agencies, activities, or institutions of the church body or segments of the church body, or in such non-synodical or intersynodical Lutheran agencies and other activities or institutions as have been officially recognized for this purpose by vote of the Joint Council on application through the president of the church body."

According to this paragraph a pastor could not serve, let us say, in the Lutheran Bible Institute or some other independent Lutheran institution or mission without getting the approval of the Joint Council of the new church body, that is, if he wished to remain on the clergy roster. Suppo the Joint Council refuses to give that approval! We can we imagine what indignation would ensue. Perhaps the would be a great loss of members. Or maybe approval given in the form of "official recognition" that should n be given. This "official recognition" of some agency th might not have God's approval would then help to perpet ate that agency with which God was not pleased.

God has used some independent missions mightily the past. Often these missions have later been incorporate into the church body. This was true of Daniel Nelson, Sr. work in China, of Gunderson's work in Sudan, Afric and of the Colombia, S. A., mission field. God has ofte burdened a man to pioneer a work in areas unreached b the established church. Failure to give "official recognitio to such a Lutheran work might help to kill it. That wou then be fighting against God, as Gamaliel suggested to th Council they would be doing if they resisted the work the apostles, providing that work was of God (Acts 5 King Joash killed the prophet, son of Jehoiada who ha saved Joash's life. Joash lost his own life as a result Chron. 24). Most of the prophets were independents. S were Jesus and His disciples. So were Luther and Wesle and Hans Nielsen Hauge. Hauge said, however, it is r ported, that if the Church should kick him out of the fro door he would crawl back into the Church through th back door. As a result of Hauge's attitude, most of th followers of Hauge have remained in the Lutheran Churc

God's grace is bound to break through. Let us be charitable with men of vision as possible. The ELC h been wonderful in this respect. God has accordingly blesse our synod as He has hardly blessed any other group. W prize our Christian liberty. Let us beware of regimentatio

the merger kills so called "Lutheran faith missions," ll be murder instead of merger.

I hope there'll be a continuous spirit of liberty. God uses en fanatics. Under our present system our Council is le to discipline the pastor who goes astray. So let us not ld a provision so filled with dynamite it may do us in-timable harm. We have not suffered by the independent issions. Instead, great numbers have found an avenue of rvice they would not otherwise have found. And our ople have been inspired to a new mission fervor by the eaching and example of the independent Lutheran mis-nary.

(The Rev.) Leonard C. Masted
Montebello, California

HAUGEAN MEMORIAL INFIRMARY

One of the minor issues to be considered at the ELC eneral Convention in June is the matter of a Haugean emorial Infirmary on Seminary Hill in Red Wing. As a eliminary, this question was discussed at the recent meet-g of the Board of Charities which our local Red Wing minary Homes board membership was invited to attend. It will always be true that purely personal interests must ot be brought to bear on such decisions as this. The termining factor must always be the good of the whole. nd so here the fundamental criterion must be whether ch a memorial will serve to keep alive and promote the angelistic passion for soul winning of Hans Nielsen Hauge our time, a consuming passion that took him into the mblest cottage, where contrite hearts, like that of the oman at the well, were fired with a new zeal to bring to hers the thrilling message of salvation. It is wonderful know that the popular opprobrium of "Læsere" applied them is now a term of honor, and Bible reading and ible study is the essential hallmark of the Christian hurch.

The story of Hans Nielsen Hauge reads like a romance, id if it could be required reading, it would soon be agreed at his life was one of practical service to Norway's economy well as one of deep devotion to active discipleship. Per-aps it was this combination of attributes that led Carl ambro to designate him as "the greatest man Norway has er produced." In the light of this fact, it would seem that n appropriate memorial in America should properly combine the elements of a practical humanitarian ministry with the redeeming message of salvation. That is why a medium of physical as well as spiritual healing may well be considered fitting here on Seminary Hill as the focal point of Haugeanism in America. It should be patent to all that any memorial elsewhere would not have the same appeal either here or abroad. Right here we may also point to the generally accepted fact of beautiful memorials in the form of exquisite and modern architecture dedicated to the memory of beloved local church leaders in both theology and education. And as we raise our sights from our personal acquaintance and relationship, we can see in a larger perspective the instructive inspiration that is being bequeathed to a future posterity eager to find direction from consecrated living in the past. Just so we also have a right to transmit the inspiration of the consecrated ministry of Hans Nielsen Hauge as he labored on even unto martyrdom in his obedience to the heavenly vision. There should be no need for argument on this point since humility in prayer and service must always be fundamental in the life of every true follower of the lowly Nazarene.

May I add that the cause of a Lutheran Infirmary on Seminary Hill need not come too much in the garb of a mendicant. On our beautiful block-size grounds we have a well kept and appointed home housing twelve aged residents whose care has annually added to our treasury, now totaling over $4,400 to which can be added good-will offerings of many friends when once the project is definitely approved. Our medical clinics have a high rating, and city facilities are constantly improving. From a business outlook it would seem assured that a new, modern, church-related Infirmary would soon attract patronage ahead of purely commercial enterprises in home dwellings now outmoded for private family living. Also there could be room for a small chapel and a room for precious historical material of interest to young and old. It was indeed startlingly interesting recently to have a young businessman ask me, "What can you tell me about Hans Nielsen Hauge? I am interested in his history." I was sorry then that I could not invite him to a historical museum where much could be learned about the man who studied to show himself "approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Mrs. Susie W. Stageberg
Red Wing, Minnesota

Within the ELC

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The Rev. and **Mrs. Merle Tollefson** ere given a silver coffee and tea serv-e and also a cash gift by the Lutheran hurch of the Good Shepherd, Salinas, alif., Jan. 31, before moving to Our aviour's Church, Lafayette, Calif., the ew parish of Pastor Tollefson.

The Rev. E. Bonnevie Kluver, rmerly of Pinewood, Minn., is now rving as interim pastor of Our aviour's Church, Patterson, Calif.

The Rev. Arthur N. Grorud, Viking, linn., has accepted a call to Oklee, linn., and will begin his pastorate ere June 1.

The Rev. Nelson F. Preus, until lately pastor at Waukon, Iowa, began March 15 his new pastorate at Olivet Church, Fargo, N. D.

The Rev. Raymond M. Olson, ELC Stewardship Director, who is also the chairman of the Book Mission Board, will serve temporarily also as director of the Book Mission, after the death of the Rev. M. O. Sumstad.

The Rev. Alton Halverson, missionary to Madagascar since 1947, has returned to the United States on furlough, together with his family. They are living at 1538 Fulham St., St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Bertha Dyste Natwick, wife of the Rev. George S. Natwick, Nunda, S. D., died March 16. Burial took place March 19 at Madison, S. D. Obituary later.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Chicago, Ill. Six ELC churches in the Chicago area: Grace, Moreland, Park View, St. Timothy, Oak Park United, and Mt. Prospect (the latter two suburban), cooperate in their Lenten midweek services, their pastors exchanging pulpits. These pastors are: Owen Gangstead, A. M. Knudsen, M. I. Seal, Talbert Ronning, E. M. Hegge, and H. J. Rasmussen. Three other Chicago churches: Trinity, Immanuel, and Hauge, conduct joint Lenten services; the three pastors: Reitz,

Jacobsen, and Bakken, taking turns speaking.

Northern Minnesota

McIntosh, Minn. A new Hammond organ, a Chickering grand piano, a tone cabinet, and an interior and exterior sound system were dedicated March 14 at Our Saviour's Church. Organ numbers were given by Lloyd Collins of Moorhead, Minn. Guest soloists were Mr. and Mrs. Bracey Campbell, Jr., of Concordia College Music faculty. The speaker was the former pastor of Our Saviour's Church, the Rev. A. H. Grimstad, now of Concordia College. The instruments are gifts from the C. M. Berg estate. The tone cabinet and sound system are memorial gifts, also given by members of the Berg family.

South Central

Sioux City, Iowa. Morningside Church, parish of the Rev. Geo. P. Larson, voted March 17 to purchase 50 city lots, five blocks east of its present church, as site for the erection of a new church plant. The location is just off a new highway to be constructed into the city during the coming summer. Cash and pledges in the building fund total now $110,000.

Rocky Mountain

Missoula, Montana. St. Paul's Church began March 28 an Evangelism Emphasis week, with the Rev. Agnar Tanner as guest evangelist. The Sunday school of this parish has 691 pupils, 57 teachers and 18 officers. The church is also conducting a weekday kindergarten and a school for handicapped children. It has two worship services each Sunday. During 1953 it exceeded its benevolence budget by $1,000, and it has adopted a budget of $43,442 for 1954. The pastor of the parish is the Rev. Gordon V. Tollefson. Hospital visitation pastor is the Rev. H. C. Hjortholm, and Mrs. L. W. Varblow is parish secretary.

Pacific

Marysville, Wash. The Marysville parish has been divided into two parishes: Bethlehem Church in Marysville forming the one, with the Rev. E. C. Heide continuing as its pastor; the other being rural Swan's Trail Church, near Everett. Pastor of the latter is the newly ordained Herbert Ringo.

"IN MEMORIAM"

Pastor M. O. Sumstad, late director of the Book Mission, was always very appreciative of all gifts for the work in which he was intensely interested. We know his many friends will be pleased to know that $320.50 has been received in his memory for the Book Mission. N. H. NELSON, Treas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

South Dakota District Pastoral Conference will meet April 20-21 at Our Saviour's Church, Omaha, Nebr.

La Crosse Circuit WMF will meet April 27 at Black River Falls, Wis.

Mt. Horeb Circuit WMF will m May 11 at Mt. Horeb, Wis. Speak Mrs. E. W. Sihler.

Moorhead Circuit WMF will m April 27 at Trinity Church, Moorhe Minn. Speakers: Missionary Lut Reinertsen and Samih Ismir, Arab dent at Concordia College.

Denver Circuit WMF will hol Workers' Conference April 6 at Saviour's Church, Denver, Colo. Pa discussion by circuit's department se taries.

Columbia Circuit WMF will m April 27 at Bethel Church, Br Prairie, Wash. Speaker: Dr. Rolph stad.

South Puget Sound Circuit W will meet April 6 at Trinity Chur Parkland, Wash. Speaker: Dr. Ro Bolstad.

For Sale: Ten pews, 8 ft. long, each. Write Hauge Church c/o J Krabseth, Alamo, N. D.

Windom Circuit WMF will m May 4 at Springfield, Minn. Speake Missionary Harold Martinson Mrs. Donald Berglund.

Willmar Circuit WMF will m April 30 at Paynesville, Minn.

Sisseton Circuit WMF will m April 29 at Trondhjem Church, R holt, S. D. Speakers: Mrs. A. L. Ab hamson and the Rev. H. R. Gregers

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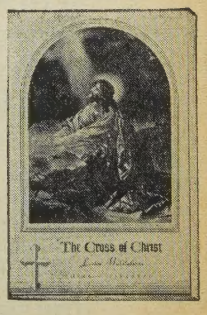

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